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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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## Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the office communication, dated October 18, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the communication was set to expire on January 18, 2007. Upon acceptance of the accompanying fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), the period for response is extended to February 18, 2007. As February 18, 2007, is a Sunday, and Monday, February 19, 2007, is a holiday, under 37 C.F.R. 1.7, the period for response is extended to Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

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Although no additional fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 - 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.